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1. BEFORE DEPARTING WASHINGTON OCTOBER 10 I WAS INFORMED AMIN HAD SUMMONED OUR CHARGE IN KAMPALA TO ALLEGE US FORCES WERE HELPING ISRAEL IN THE CURRENT CONFLICT. AMIN HAD THREATENED THAT UNLESS US CEASED ASSISTING ISRAEL MILITARILY HE WOULD ARREST ALL US CITIZENS IN UGANDA BEGINNING WITH CHARGE.

2. DEPT ASKED ME TO INFORM PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF THE ABOVE AND INQUIRE IF HE COULD BE OF HELP. I DID SO OCTOBER 13 ON PRESIDENT'S PLANE RETURNING TO KINSHASA. I REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO ASSURE MOBUTU US FORCES AT NO TIME WERE PLAYING SLIGHTEST ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. I REMINDED HIM THAT AS FAR AS WE WERE CONCERNED WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH AMIN AND THAT WE HAD NOTHING AGAINST UGANDA BUT THIS LATEST THREAT COMING ON TOP OF HIS INSULTING LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON, CONCERNING NOMINATION FOR THE NOBEL PRIZE, LEADS US TO WONDER IF AMIN WISHES TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH US. I INFORMED MOBUTU OUR
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CHARGE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THIS GENERALLY TO GOU.

3. MOBUTU, SHAKING HIS HEAD SADLY, SAID WE WERE DEALING WITH AN UNBALANCED MAN. HE HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO ADVISE AMIN ON HOW TO COMPORT HIMSELF IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF UGANDA AND AFRICA BUT OBVIOUSLY HIS HIGHLY ERRATIC BEHAVIOR WAS CONTINUING.

4. MOBUTU SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL KINSHASA SEND AMIN MESSAGE ASSURING HIM US FORCES PLAYING NO RPT NO MILITARY ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND URGING HIM STRONGLY TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS SUCH AS THREAT MADE TO OUR CHARGE.

5. MOREOVER, DURING HIS NEXT FOREIGN TRAVELS WHEN ON OCTOBER 27 HE WILL BE SEEING NYERERE AND KAUNDA AND ON OCTOBER 29 MICOMBERO AND HABYARIMANA, HE WOULD MAKE A STOP AT ENTEBBE KAMPALA AND AGAIN TRY TO REASON WITH AMIN.
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